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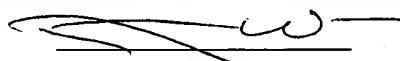
In re application of: Cohn, et al  
Serial No. Unassigned  
Filed: June 29, 2001  
For: 3-PHOSPHOADENOSE-5-PHOSPHOSULFATE (PAPS)  
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OSTEOARTHRITIC DISORDERS  
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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a divisional application of pending application Serial Number 09/399,212 filed September 17, 1999. The divisional application filed herewith is directed to Claims 41-45 and 102-108 which were designated Group IV in a restriction requirement mailed December 20, 2000. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

A Version With Markings To Show Changes Made is included at pages 5-7, after  
Applicant's Remarks.